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SUBJECT: LOS (SITREP JUNE 14)

1. COMMITTEE I.

THE PACE IN COMMITTEE I SLOWED PERCEPTIVELY JUNE 14 AS CHAIRMAN ENGO RESUMED DIRECT LEADERSHIP. ENGO KEPT THE DELEGATES WAITING FOR AN HOUR BEFORE SHOWING UP AT THE MORNING SESSION, AND THE AFTERNOON MEETING ENDED WITHIN AN HOUR BECAUSE OF A LACK OF SPEAKERS. EVENSEN RETURNS ON JUNE 16 FROM HIS MOSCOW TRIP, AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT HE WILL RESUME CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP.

2. ENGO DELIVERED A LENGTHY AND DISJOINTED STATEMENT IN THE MORNING SESSION, WHICH ATTEMPTED TO SUMMARIZE THE COMMITTEE'S WORK OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS. ENGO NOTED THE FAILURE TO ATTAIN A CONSENSUS ON THE SEABED EXPLOITATION SYSTEM, BUT HE DID NOT SHED ANY NEW LIGHT ON THE PROBLEMS OR PROPOSE ANY NEW FORMULATIONS. IN
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FACT, HE CONTINUES TO HOLD EVENSEN'S FINAL COMPROMISE TEXT WITHOUT REVEALING WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE.

3. DISCUSSION OF DECISION MAKING MACHINERY (ASSEMBLY/ COUNCIL AND VOTING) BEGAN IN THE BRIEF AFTERNOON SESSION. PERU (DE SOTO), SPEAKING FOR THE G-77, INTRODUCED DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR ARTICLES 25, 26

(ASSEMBLY) AND 27 ADND 28 (COUNCIL). THE PROPOSALS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THE DRAFTS WHICH THE US DELEGATION RECEIVED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS LAST SEPTEMBER. ARTICLES 25 AND 26 STRENGTHEN THE ASSEMBLY AND DIMINISH PROCEDURAL SAFE GUARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES CONTAINED IN THE RSNT. ARTICLES 27 AND 28 ESTABLISH A COUNCIL, BASED ON THE ONE NATION/ ONE VOTE PRINCIPLE, IN WHICH LDCS WOULD PROBABLY CONTROL 21 OF 36 SEATS. THUS THE G-77 HAS PUBLICLY REPUDIATED THE RSNT TEXT OF ARTICLES 25, 26 AND 28, WHICH WERE NEGOTIATED IN THE SECRET BRAZIL GROUP IN THE SPRING OF 1976.

4. THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES ARE PLANNING TO MAKE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE INSISTING ON VOTING PROTECTION IN THE COUNCIL. THE UK AND USSR MAY ALSO SUBMIT DRAFT ARTICLES. THE US WILL REAFFIRM PREVIOUS WEIGHTED VOTING PROPOSALS BUT INDICATE A WILLINGNESS TO LOOK AT OTHER REASONABLE FORMULATIONS.

5. COMMITTEE II.

IN THE MORNING THE CHAIRMAN (AGUILAR) HELD CONSECUTIVE PRO FORMA MEETINGS OF THE THREE NEGOTIATING GROUPS OF COMMITTEE II. (NG-I: LEGAL STATUS OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF COASTAL AND OTHER STATES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE; NG-II: DEFINITION OF THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES AND REVENUE SHARING
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BEYOND 200 MILES; NG-III: DELIMITATION BETWEEN OPPOSITE AND ADJACENT STATES). HE PLAYED OUT NG-I LONG ENOUGH TO DEMONSTRATE THAT CONCRETE COMPROMISE PROPOSALS WERE NOT GOING TO BE MADE IN THAT FORUM BEFORE ADJOURNING, TO LATEER REOPEN DISCUSSIONS IN SMALLER CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ZONE. NG-II AND NG-III IN TURN QUICKLY ADJOURNED, TO LATER REOPEN DISCUSSIONS IN CONSULTATIVE GROUPS ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF (INCLUDING REVENUE SHARING) AND DELIMITATION. THESE NEGOTIATING GROUPS TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS OF GROUP OF 21. SINGAPORE, SUPPORTED BY FRG AND SWITZERLAND, SUGGESTED THAT AGUILAR TAKE THE LEAD IN SUGGESTING COMPROMISE PROPOSALS FROM THE CHAIR. AGUILAR RESPONDED THAT IT IS NOT YET THE TIME TO UNDERTAKE SUCH, BUT THAT AT QTE AN APPROPRIATE TIME UNQTE, AND AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DELS, HE MIGHT SUGGEST COMPROMISE PROPOSALS: QTE A SMALL INITIATIVE TO CRYSTALIZE OUR THINKING.

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6. THE WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUPS BEGAN IN THE AFTERNOON WITH A MEETING OF THE GROUP ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE, CHAIRMED BY AGUILAR. (SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WILL BE CHAIRED BY VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE TURKMEN, TURKEY.) THE MEETING CONFIRMED THAT THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL BEGIN JUST WHERE IT LEFT OFF LAST SUMMAR, WITH STATEMENTS BY PERU, CHILE, MEXICO, URUGUAY AND TANZANIA AT ONE EXTREME AND FRG, UK AND US AT THE OTHER. ZAMBIA AND BOLIVIA RENEWED CONCEPT OF REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL ECONOMIC ZONES. AGUILAR HELPFULLY ENCOURAGED DISCUSSION OF UAE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 46 OF LAST SESSION AS PERHAPS OFFERING A WAY TOWARD A SOLUTION. US (CLINGAN) IN A BRIEF AND UNAMBIGUOUS STATEMENT NOTED THAT US POSITION ON CONFIDENTIAL

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ARTICLE 44, 46, 47 AND 75 ISSUE IS UNCHANGED, AND (IN COMMON WITH THE UK), RECALLED THE UAE PROPOSAL, FINDING IT WORTHY OF FURTHER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

7. THE THREE CONSULTATIVE GROUPS WILL MEET MORNING AND AFTERNOON, IN ROTATION, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK.
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